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MRS. LINCOLN'S AMBITION.

Her Early Determination to Become the Wife of the President of the United States.

(Mrs. Grundy in Philadelphia Times.)

Although Mrs. Lincoln's illness was not known here, her name was mentioned in a pleasant parlor conversation between ladies one evening last week, and some interesting reminiscences of her were given by Mrs. William Preston, of Lexington, Ky., who, when a young girl, Miss Wickliffe, was well acquainted with Mary Todd, for both were then living in Lexington. Mrs. Preston said that Miss Todd had always insisted when quite a young girl that her husband would be President of the United States, and as she did not then appear to be one who would attract the attention of young men, not being as handsome as most of her companions, many of the latter would laugh at her prediction. While she was still young she got into a girlish pet with her family, and announced that she was going away to make her home with her sister, Mrs. Edwards, in Springfield, Ill., and declared that she would yet be the wife of the President of the United States and triumph over those who had opposed her.

She went and was courted by both Stephen A. Douglas and Abraham Lincoln, and accepted the latter. After becoming engaged to him, she wrote to her friend Miss Wickliffe, a playful description of the man of her choice, mentioning his unprepossessing appearance and awkwardness, and with a merry appreciation of the humor of the prediction, again said: "But I mean to make him President of the United States, all the same. You will see that, as I always told you, I will yet be the President's wife."

Years afterwards, in fact not more than ten or twelve years ago, in looking over the papers of his father-in-law, Governor Wickliffe, who had just died, General Preston came across a letter indorsed in Governor Wickliffe's hand-writing, "the most remarkable letter ever written by one girl to another." This proved to be the identical letter written by Mary Todd in regard to her betrothed, Abraham Lincoln. When General Preston showed it to his wife she said she supposed that after reading it she had thrown it carelessly down on her father's desk, attaching no importance to it, but he picked it up as was so impressed by it that he indorsed it as quoted above and laid it away among his papers, to be found after the girlish prophecy had been fulfilled.

Mrs. Lincoln's talent for match-making did not end with herself, for it was she who picked out Mary Harlan, the daughter of the Senator from Iowa, for her son Robert, and seeing her one evening at the opera, remarked: "I should like Robert to marry just such a girl as that." Her husband, who heard her say it, then observed to Mr. Sumner: "My wife is a great match-maker. She will make a match between Harlan's daughter and Bob; see if she don't." Subsequently Mrs. Lincoln sent Miss Harlan a bouquet and began cultivating her acquaintance and throwing her son and the young lady together. Meantime the young people had met at a hop at the National Hotel, in Washington, and soon became interested in each other. That was in the Spring of 1865. Their marriage, however did not occur till September, 1867 or 1868. I think the latter year, and the only time Mrs. Abraham Lincoln has visited Washington since her removal from the White House after her husband's assassination was when she attended her son's wedding there. She has always been fond of his wife, even since she has been offended with him, and Mrs. Robert Lincoln visited her last winter, and has done so every year when her mother-in-law has been in this country. President Lincoln was also attracted by Miss Harlan, and I was told by one who knows, and who spoke of it to me in Washington in the spring, that he had before his death decided to take Mr. Harlan into his Cabinet, and it was playfully said that it was the possibility of a match between their children which first suggested the idea to him.

The Human Figure.

The height of the human figure is six times the length of the feet. Whether the form is slender or plump the rule holds good; any deviation from it is a departure from the highest beauty in proportion. The Greeks made all their statues according to this rule. The face from the highest part of the forehead, where the hair begins, to the chin, is one-tenth of the whole stature. The hand, from the wrist to the end of the middle finger, is the same. From the top of the chest to the highest point of the forehead is the seventh. If the face, from the roots of the hair to the chin, be divided into three equal parts, the first division determines the place where the eyebrows meet, and the second the nostrils. The height from the feet to the top of the head is the distance between the extremities of the fingers when the arms are extended.

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Lakeside Musings.

(Chicago Tribune.)

"My heart is broken!"

The words came with a strange, passionate force from the lips of Mignon McNulty as she stood beneath the larches that beautiful June evening and looked tenderly up at Geo. W. Simpson, and in the fathomless depths of her great brown eyes there was a wistful, fear-haunted look that told its own sad story of a sorrow that was almost despair.

The man made no reply to the girl, nor did he even look at her. His face was turned away, and, although he could feel the little hand that rested so lightly on his shoulder tremble like an aspen, there was no sign in his face by which one could read his thoughts. It was a handsome face—the lines perfect in their contour, and the fair, white skin was mantled here and there by just the suggestion of a deeper color—and yet, if one looked closely there was something unpleasant about it all, and the clear gray eyes held over a lurking expression of firmness that might easily become cruelty. It was a face that came nearest telling its own story when in perfect repose. When George W. Simpson became engaged in conversation women called him divine. The riant mouth, wreathed in the sunniest of smiles, lost all the rigidity of lines that characterized it at other times, and the gray eyes looking into yours so frankly, seemed but open portals to a soul within whose precincts the gaunt, horrible figures of despair and doubt had never stalked with echoing tread.

At last he turned to Mignon. "I must go now," he said, passing his womanly-white hand tenderly over the girl's brow and then kissing her there in reverent fashion. "Will you not say good-bye?"

There was no answer, and he walked slowly down the pathway leading to the gate, Mignon standing there like one in a trance. In the west the sun was sinking to rest, and over the girl's head a lark uttered its musical cry as it flew swiftly by. Not far away was a horse-car.

The girl did not move. The lark was lost in the far blue overhead; the street car sped on and on until the last gleam of its rear platform vanished; the sun sank lower and lower, till it glowed a globe of flame upon the edge of the horizon. Through all this Mignon never moved but stood there under the larches with her head drooped upon her breast, her form thrown out dark and motionless against the gold of the western sky, and on her face the look of one to whom death would be blessing.

The sun sank entirely, leaving only a trail of flame across the heavens; the wind rose and blew back from her forehead the masses of blue-black hair that clustered there. She started then, as if awakened from a dream, and walked swiftly into the house. Her mother, hearing the well known footsteps, met her at the door. One glance told her all.

"You have failed!"
"Yes," answered Mignon, "he says he will marry no one, and that leap-year is nothing but a foolish tradition. He is a heartless coquette. But let him beware. There is one whom he may yet meet whose witchery he can not escape, even if he would. Pray Heaven she may come this way," and the girl sank weeping upon a fauteuil.

MACEDONIA, KY.

February, 22, 1884.

Mr. M. F. Carnes shot at a fine buck a few days ago but got no meat. "Lead me to the rock that is higher than I," is J. W. Collins' last favorite. It's a fine specimen of the feminine gender.

Mr. J. W. McCarrell of this place rode into a swollen stream at Sandlick bridge, a few days ago, and narrowly escaped being drowned; his mule came in contact with a very steep bank and being unable to ascend Mr. Mc left the mule to save his own life and but for the skill of Mr. James R. Brown the mule would have drowned.

Little Horace, son of our friend Tison White, fell and stuck a very ugly rough piece of bark in his eye a few days ago. He was blind from the effects for several days and fears were entertained that he would lose his eye, but luckily his eye was not so badly injured, but is improving very fast.

Dr. D. M. White, of this place, received a telegram from his brother at Mecca, Tenn. on the 4th inst., asking him to come immediately to his mother who was ill; he started at once and reached his destination on the night of the 6th only to find his mother a corpse. She leaves a great many friends and relatives in this part who regret to hear of her sudden death. The Doctor is expected to return in a few days.

A heavy wind storm passed this way last Tuesday prostrating trees and fencing, unroofing buildings and doing considerable damage to property generally; a smoke house was blown away by Mr. E. C. Hopper and a barn belonging to Mrs. Alexander was blown down and one of her sons seriously wounded by the falling debris. One house at Dawson was removed from its pillars. Our roads are all more or less blocked with fallen timbers.

ROUGH AND READY.

Big Words.

Big words are favorites with people of small ideas and weak conceptions. They are sometimes employed by men of mind, when they wish to use language that may be the best conceal their thoughts. With few exceptions, however, illiterate and half-educated persons use more "big words" than people of thorough education. It is a very common but egregious mistake to suppose that the long words are more genteel than the short ones—just as the same sort of people imagine that high colors and flashy figures improve the style of dress. They are the kind of folks who don't begin, but "commence." They don't live, but "reside." They don't go to bed, but mysteriously "retire," nor eat but partake of "refreshments." They are never sick, but "extremely indisposed," and instead of dying, at last, they "decease." The strength of the English language is in the short words—chiefly monosyllables of Saxon derivation; and people who are in earnest seldom use other. Love, hate, anger, grief and joy, express themselves in short words and direct sentences; while cunning, falsehood and affectation delight in what Horace calls *verba sesquipedalia*—words "a foot and a half" long.

The Florida sponge crop amounts to \$100,000 a year. It's a wonder the State is not entirely absorbed.—EHzabethtown News.

SCHOOL CELEBRATION.

Almost every one in this enlightened land knows who figured so conspicuously in upholding our tottering republic on the fields of Germantown, in the vales of Brandywine, and on the plains of Monmouth. But that hero, and those other memorable events of his life, were vividly recalled by the exercises of the Public Schools on the nation's holiday—Feb. 22.

Rarely have the people of our town been more pleasantly entertained than on this auspicious occasion, for which we are to thank the Superintendent and his most efficient corps of teachers.

The doors of the school were open to visitors at 9:30 o'clock, the exercises commencing in the 1, 2, 3, and 4 grades, governed respectively by Mrs. McKenzie, Mrs. Bramham, Miss McGowan and Miss Mills, than whom no others seem so especially designed by nature to train the infantile mind. Special mention must be made of Master Cowan, who looked quite soldierly in his miniature regimentals. I might write on and on, *ad infinitum*, should I undertake to tell all that these little ones said and sung in this and other rooms; so I shall pause only to praise Mrs. Bramham for her good discipline and well trained scholars. A little girl from the "mother country" who has been under her tuition a short time read, especially well a selection suitable to the occasion. The pupils of Misses McGowan and Mills acquitted themselves quite creditably. The next floor was occupied by the 5, 6, 7, and 8 grades, over which Misses McKee, McDaniel, Kennedy and Rutherford presided. These pupils merit commendation for perfection in reading, recitations and decorum. The organ in the room devoted to the combined forces of Misses McDaniel and Kennedy added greatly to the singing so well taught by the first named lady.

Then came the higher grades to which have been assigned those competent instructors Misses Williams, Pendergast and Mayo. The rain fell all the afternoon, still visitors thronged the halls and filled the rooms to overflowing. And here I take occasion to say that, notwithstanding the continual passing to and fro of the guests, not a pupil seemed embarrassed, though often interrupted in the midst of a declamation. Miss Williams' room was beautifully decorated and the exercises, as a whole, were quite entertaining. Recitation, reading and essays were the order of the day and evinced thorough instructions by the teacher.

Miss Pendergast and good-order—names synonymous—made the next grade remarkably attractive. The drawings on the black-board by Master Steinhagen prove him to be quite a prodigy in this branch. The music was simply delightful and in several of the voices are to be heard such melody and correctness as to prove how thoroughly they are taught.

Miss Mayo's room came last, but not least by any means. Beautiful decorations, and good singing and other things combined to make this a popular place of resort. A patriotic speech by Mr. Otho Anderson was gracefully delivered, and deserves special mention.

With a hope that this will prove a prelude to many similar occasions, and that the polite Superintendent may often throw open the doors of this splendid institution to the public, I conclude this, feeling that I have not said half enough in commendation of each and every one, from teachers to pupils.

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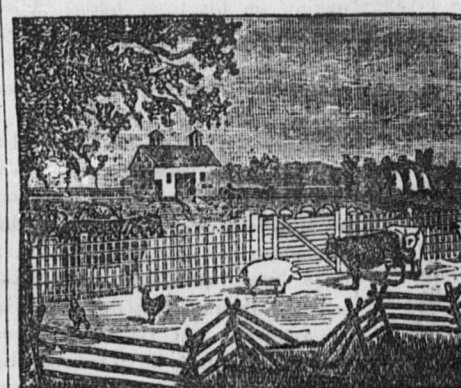
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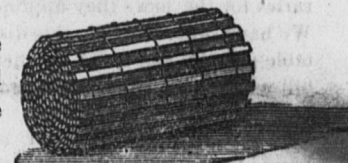


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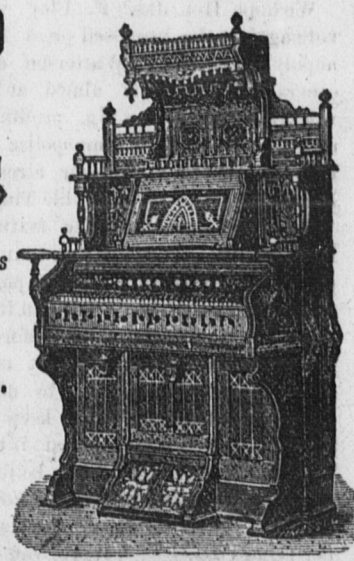
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The Register of the Land Office is dead and his office ought to die with him.

The newspaper correspondents at Frankfort are now busy assisting Gov. Knott to appoint a Register of the Land Office.

February has five Fridays this year, the like of which has not occurred since 1856. It will not happen again until 1924.

The raging Ohio is rapidly seeking its bed and is now about 20 feet at Louisville and less than 40 at Cincinnati. It is now below the danger line and falling.

The Louisville Exposition Directory has settled on August 16th as the time for opening the second Southern Exposition and it will continue sixty days.

An exchange says a double-handful of eight penny nails were found in the stomach of a fat cow killed in Spencer county. She probably eight them.

The Mardi Gras festivities were inaugurated at New Orleans, Tuesday, with great pomp and ceremony. A Mardi Gras celebration was also held in Louisville Monday evening.

We trust the Legislature will not overlook the fact that Hopkinsville is situated between two streams that are navigable for fish. They should be locked and dammed by all means.

The Hawesville Democrat of Feb. 7th came rushing in almost out of breath last Wednesday, the 27th. The news it contained was so fresh that we have "salted" it to keep it from spoiling.

Reports from Egypt show that El Mahdi, the False Prophet, continues his victorious march. He is advancing towards Khartoum with a strong force of rebels and swearing that he will give the British garrison El Mahdi quick.

The Sauk county (Wis.) Democrat is booming Wm. F. Vilas, of Wisconsin, for the Presidency. It would never do to nominate a man with such a name. The Republicans would be forever telling us that our candidate was as Vilas (Wincon) sin.

The news copyright bill will not prohibit items being copied, but will force newspaper sharks to give credit to their more enterprising contemporaries for the news they appropriate. We have suffered from this disreputable practice and if Mr. Watterson's bill will stop it we let it pass.

Hon. J. G. Cecil, Register of the Land Office, died at San Antonio Texas on the 24th inst. He had gone there seeking relief from consumption. He was elected last August for a term of four years, but has been only the nominal Register, the duties of the office being performed by his deputy, Col. Thos. H. Corbett. The Governor will fill the vacancy caused by his death by appointment, subject to confirmation by the Senate.

Col. Hunt, the millionaire, has been elected to Eli Perkins and Josh Billings, each \$5,000, and the same to Caroline Brown, the mother of Artemus Ward. This is certainly encouraging to the poor West Kentucky fellows. A new field is opened up to us. Let's all try and be funny, we can't get any office. What say you Meacham?—Old Guard.

All right, when the fern-y season arrives we will take a Hunt in this new field.

A bill extending the session of the Legislature indefinitely has passed both Houses of the General Assembly. There were not enough of the members who wanted to hurry home to plant their "craps" to outvote those who are tickled to death at drawing \$5.00 a day out of the State treasury. The Frankfort Yeoman surmises that the session will be extended for six weeks or two months longer. An extension was made imperatively necessary by the protracted dead-lock. There is work now on hand that must be disposed of before the body adjourns.

We hope Hon. Jas. F. Clay will vote against the proposed press monopoly agitated by Watterson and others. It is a blow aimed at the weekly press by the big, profitable dailies, who want to monopolize the business, and add to their already large revenues.—Madisonville Times.

Have you considered the matter? How will the bill effect the country press? There is not a weekly paper in Kentucky that ever copied an item from the Courier-Journal before it was 24 hours old. Besides it only forces papers to give credit to news items copied and does not keep the news from being reproduced if this be done. The time ought to be for a week instead of 24 hours. We would like to see a certain class of newspaper pirates muzzled. Have you not yourself been imposed upon by them?

The latest exhibition of "gall" is by the citizens of the Indiana cities flooded by the Ohio river. They have presented a petition to Congress asking the Government to rebuild their houses and fences washed away. They are not content with being fed by the Government, but also want to be presented with brown-stone mansions and a chromo, because they were foolish enough to buy property on

the river bank. If the Government proposes to build them houses, let them by all means be put on some of the mountainous lands of the West high and dry above all future floods, for if a precedent of this kind be established every fellow who has a stable washed away or a smoke-house blown over by the wind will call upon the government to replace it.

LUCK AT LAST.

"It's an ill Buzard that Blows Nobody Good."

A ROMANTIC STORY.

Many a novel has been founded upon facts far less romantic than those which we will detail in this article. But unlike most novels our hero is not a "nobleman in disguise," or a "diamond in the rough," but a poor, unfortunate and worthless ex-convict. But to the romance. Mr. John B. Bell, until a few weeks ago, was a well-to-do farmer of this county who owned a fine farm about two miles from this city where he lived for many years and raised a large family. About a month ago Mr. Bell sold out and removed to Abilene, Tex., where he now lives. In the year 1867 he had in his employ as a farm hand an illiterate, uncouth fellow named Joe Blizard. He was one of the most unprepossessing specimens of humanity it would be possible to find, but it appears that he was "mighty takin' in his manners" and one night Mr. Bell learned to his dismay that Blizard had taken his daughter, Miss Sallie, in a buggy and that the loving train were well on their way to Clarksville, Tenn., the Gretna Green of Southwestern Kentucky. Like Lord Ullin, Mr. Bell lost his temper and arming himself he bestrode his steed and started in hot pursuit. The night was dark and a buggy could not travel with the speed of a horse spurred on by an angry rider and before half of the long thirty miles was traversed Bell was rapidly lessening the distance between him and his would-be son-in-law. A few miles more and he was upon the fleeing couple and could hear Blizard urging on his tired horse. A halt was called, but Blizard only accelerated the speed of his animal. Bell raised his weapon, a flash, a report and a bullet sped after them. It was very dark but the ball fired at random passed between the lovers in the vehicle and shot an ear-ring out of Miss Bell's ear. A kiss at that moment would have cost both of them their lives. Blizard saved himself by turning into the woods by the roadside and Bell rushed past him and thinking he was being distanced lashed his horse into a furious race and reached Clarksville ahead of the eloping couple. Blizard then continued his journey and reached his destination and was married about daylight the next morning, while Bell was still in the city.

When Mr. Bell realized that he had been baffled, he did not do violence to them but contented himself with disabusing his daughter and forbidding her his house forever.

For awhile Blizard and his wife made out to make a living and the fellow really tried to make something of himself. But bad luck followed after him and he soon became poverty stricken and his name became a synonym for all that was worthless and trifling. Two or three years ago he moved to this city, having with him his wife and five children. He was in bad health and was about as poor as poverty could make him. He lived (or rather existed, for he did not make a living) in a cabin in the eastern suburbs of the city and one day he quarreled with J. A. Ritch, his next door neighbor, and seizing a shot gun, he fired a load of bird-shot into the latter's face. For this offense against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth he was incarcerated in jail, where he was kept for months awaiting trial. During this time his wife and children were forced to beg on the streets to keep from starving. By spring Blizard's health had been restored and he came out of jail as "fat as a mole." He was tried last March and the jury gave him one year in the penitentiary as punishment for his war-like exhibition of military tactics.

He was sent to Frankfort and with other convicts was hired out by the lessee of the penitentiary to work on a railroad. While engaged in this work he was severely injured and maimed for life in an accident. His hip was dislocated and one hand was cut off. As he was completely and permanently disabled, Gov. Knott granted him a pardon, and after getting to be about he placed his case in the hands of Hon. Asher G. Caruth, of Louisville, instructing him to bring suit against the railroad company, and hobbled home on crutches to find his family in the county poor house. He was sent to the same institution himself, where he and his family remained for some time at an expense of \$40 a month to the county. Some weeks ago Blizard went to the county Judge and told him that with an allowance of \$10 a month he thought he could take care of himself. This arrangement was made and Blizard left the poor house a few weeks ago. We don't know how he is getting along or where he lives, but he is somewhere in or near the city.

Now comes the concluding event of this chapter from real life. It is semi-authoritatively announced on the streets this week that Blizard's attorney has compromised his suit with the railroad and that the unfortunate pauper will receive \$15,000 above his attorney's fees. We don't know that this is true, but Blizard is confident that it is and asserts that he intends to buy his father-in-law's farm, valued at \$10,000, if the parties who recently purchased it will agree

to sell. In this connection another word in regard to Mr. Bell may not be out of place. In an issue of a recent date we copied a paragraph from a Texas paper to the effect that Mr. Bell had placed his money in a Texas bank and lost the whole of it (\$14,000) by the failure of the bank, but this statement was untrue. Mr. Bell took only a few thousand dollars with him and he immediately invested that in real estate.

KENTUCKY KNOWLEDGE.

The Anchorage Asylum committee has not made a report yet.

A dead infant was found in a wagon bed at Bowling Green.

John Thompson, aged 60, killed himself with a razor, at Lexington.

Col. Thos. H. Corbett wants to be appointed Register of the Land Office.

Jno. C. and E. T. Wood propose to start a Republican paper at Mt. Sterling.

Dr. Dudley has secured an endowment of \$100,000 for Georgetown college.

The Methodists of Lancaster are trying to raise \$6,000 to establish a female college.

The editors of the Somerset Republican and Reporter are calling each other names.

An old lady named Reynolds fell down stairs and killed herself in Louisville.

An act incorporating the Glasgow and Mammoth Cave railroad has passed the House.

Owensboro and Henderson were the two Kentucky towns that were not injured by the flood.

Henry Jones killed an unknown Englishman with a knife, in a row, near Georgetown.

The Stanford Journal advocates the re-establishment of the whipping-post for thieves.

Mr. W. B. Dobbs has succeeded Mr. W. E. Hughes as editor of the Bowling Green Democrat.

The dead body of Richard Simpson was found near Lexington. There were no marks of violence.

Petitions are being circulated in Clark county asking that that county be put back in the 7th district.

J. M. O'Neill, late of the Dawson Rippings, has quit the newspaper business and gone to organizing Sunday schools.

A little son of J. B. Thompson, in Graves county, set his clothes on fire by falling and breaking a lamp and was burned to death.

L. L. Locke, a Louisville drummer, perpetrated a joke on G. W. Pollock of Indianapolis, by giving him a loaded cigar, but the cigar exploded prematurely while Locke was in front of it and permanently destroyed his eyesight besides badly burning his face. They were in the depot at Dayton, O.

Brown's Consolidated Empire Minstrels gave a performance at the Opera House Wednesday evening to a small house. The troupe had been here before under a different name, but the show is good enough to be reported more than once. It was one continued laugh throughout; some of the gags were new and clever. Local hits were perpetrated at the expense of Alex. Rodgers and Jim Boyd.

Washington's Birthday.

The 152d anniversary of Washington's birthday was observed with appropriate ceremonies by the pupils of the Public Schools last Friday. The several rooms had each its own exercises and quite a large number of visitors attended in the afternoon. The recitations, compositions and songs were all appropriate to the occasion, and the children acquitted themselves very creditably and reflected credit upon themselves and their teachers.

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BILL ARP'S VIEWS.

Bill Jones lived on Col. Johnson's land and thought the world of him, and says I one day:

"Jinks, how are you going to vote in the election?"

"I don't know," said he, "for Col. Johnson ain't at home, and didn't tell me afore he left, and maybe he hasn't seen Judge Underwood, and Judge Underwood hasn't heard from Howell Cobb, but who in the dickens tells Howell Cobb I'll be dog'd if I know."

The fact is we all belong to somebody, and there is nothing wrong about it. I love to belong to a man whom I respect, and feel that he has got more sense and judgment than I have, but then, at the same time, I want somebody to belong to me. Life is a kind of a staircase with a heap of platforms, and there ain't room enough at the top for us all. Most of us are lower than somebody and higher than somebody else. Dominion is the pride of a man—dominion over something.

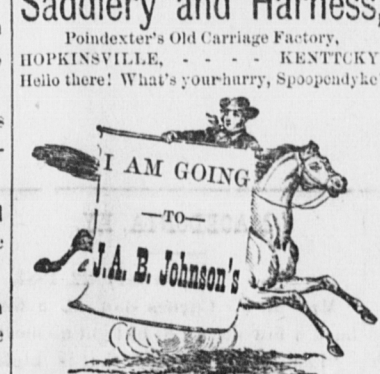
RETAIL MARKET REPORT.

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Pork	8 to 10c
Bacon, Shoulders	10c
Sides	10c
Hams, country	15c
Hams, sugar cured	15c
Flour, choice	\$5.50 to 6.00
" good	\$5.50
Molasses choice N. O.	50 to 75c
" Java	40 to 75c
Maple Syrup	\$1.25c
Golden Drip, pure	50 to 75c
Butter	18 to 20c
Eggs	12c
Corn meal	20c
Clover seed	\$6.50
Oil, nalis, rate	\$3.25
Lard, country	11 1/2 to 12 1/2c
Lard, snow-flake	14c
Coffee, Rio	12 to 15c
" Mexico or Caribea	15c
Turnips	35c
Pearl meal, bu.	1.00
Beans, navy	\$2.50
" dried	9c
Cheese, Pa. factory	10c to 15c
" Young American	10c
Rice, Carolina	8 to 10c
Sugar, N. O.	8 1/2 to 10c
" granulated	9 1/2 to 10c
Salt, bu. bl.	\$2.15
Potatoes, Irish	60c
" Swedish	60c
Black-eyed Peas, bu.	\$2.00 to 2.25
Mackerel, kit	\$1.00 to 1.25
White fish	\$1.00
Lemons, doz.	35c
Oranges, doz.	90c
Honey, extract lb.	15c
" comb	16 to 20c
Chewing Tobacco, lb.	50 to 75c
Tans, choice to fancy	75 to 1.00
" mixed to good	50 to 75c
Axle grease	8c
Coal oil	20 to 25c

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Corn, doz. \$1.25 to 1.75
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Christian Circuit Court.

Elizabeth S. Dillman and J. Experts
Henry C. Dillman, her husband, Pet in Equity
This day came Elizabeth S. Dillman and Henry C. Dillman, her husband, and filed their joint petition in the office of the Christian Circuit Court, praying the Court for a judgment empowering the said Elizabeth S. Dillman, wife of Henry C. Dillman, to sell, convey and convey for her own benefit, and all property she may hereafter acquire, free from the claims and debts of her husband, and to make contracts, use and be sued as a single woman, and to have her name and to dispose of her property by will or deed. It is ordered that notice of the filing of the petition and the object be published in the South Kentucky, a newspaper published in Hopkinsville, Ky., the length of time prescribed by law. Witness my hand as Clerk of said court, this 25th day of February, 1884.
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SOCIALITIES.

Mr. Ed Boyd, of Gish & Garner's drug store, is quite sick.

Mr. J. Ed Summers, of Cadiz, was in the city the early part of the week.

Miss Mamie Henry returned home Tuesday, after a two weeks' visit in the city.

Col. Ed Reese, manager of the Enterprise Soap Works, Nashville, Tenn., is in the city.

Mrs. John H. Milliken, of Franklin, is visiting her mother, Mrs. B. T. Underwood.

Daring the absence of his wife Mr. C. W. Rea is boarding at Mr. A. C. Overshiner's.

Mr. Samuel Johnson and son, hedge fence men, are guests at the Burbridge House.

Col. Jno. W. Morton, of the Spirit of the Farm, Nashville, is in the city in the interest of his paper.

Mr. H. D. Wallace, business manager of our weekly contemporary, returned yesterday from a visit to Crittenden county.

Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Patton, who have been in Paducah for some months have returned to the city and have taken rooms at the Burbridge House.

Messrs. Ramsey & Beaver are at the Burbridge House introducing their celebrated garment cutter. Ladies, read their advertisement in the Here and There column.

Mr. A. J. Bussey of the Sibley Manufacturing Co. Seneca Falls, N. Y., is in the city to negotiate for a new fire engine to be exchanged for our old one. The Council will meet tonight to consider the matter.

South Kentucky College.

The Board of Trustees of South Kentucky College, which was burned on the 24th, have been soliciting private subscriptions this week to aid in replacing the college building. We are informed that they are meeting with much substantial encouragement and that nearly \$3,000 in subscriptions has already been obtained. The contributions are being made by our citizens of all denominations, who feel an interest in the educational facilities of the city and want a first-class college to be maintained in Hopkinsville.

The insurance which amounted to \$9,000 and the sum raised by subscription will be sufficient to replace the building and furniture and everything will be in readiness to resume the school in September. In the meanwhile Mrs. Dr. Gaines, of the faculty, solicited by many patrons of South Kentucky College, will open a private class in the basement of the Christian church, next Monday, March, 3.

The Asylum Committee.

The Legislative Committee appointed to investigate the Western Lunatic Asylum arrived yesterday afternoon. The committee is composed of Senators J. N. Price, of Fleming and F. D. Rigney, of Casey, and Representatives Walter Cleary, of Kenton, W. A. Bradford, of Pendleton, and W. J. Stone, of Lyon. Mr. Cleary is Chairman of the committee. They will begin work to-day.

A Pleasant Affair.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Gary, of Bowling Green, received a number of their friends at the residence of Mr. M. C. Forbes last Monday evening. The gentleman present were principally those whose acquaintance Mrs. Gary, nee Miss Florence Hardin, made at the Grayson encampment last year. The following is a list of those present:

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bush, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wilgus, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Downer, Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Seargent, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. C. Gary, Jr., Mrs. Nannie Pollard, of Clarksville, Tenn.; Mrs. Sue C. Shanklin and daughter Fairmine, Miss Laura Hobbs, of Paducah, Ky.; Miss Lulu Gary, Miss Olivia Thompson, Miss Sallie Gary, Miss Lallie Woodriddle, and Messrs. Jno. O. Rust, H. H. Clarke, R. M. Woodriddle, H. W. Abernath, W. T. Cooper and F. W. Buckner. The weather was propitious, the refreshments prepared by Mrs. Forbes were delicious and the evening was pleasantly spent by all present. Mr. Gary and his charming and cultured young bride left Tuesday for their home in Bowling Green, to the sincere regret of a host of friends in Hopkinsville.

Messrs. Ramsey & Beaver have just arrived in this city for the purpose of introducing Thompson's Universal Garment Cutter. It is quite appropriately called the companion of the sewing machine, as the knowledge of cutting a garment must be obtained before the sewing can begin. With this garment cutter any one can cut any garment, no matter how small or how large, and do it neatly and quickly. Those who are interested should see Messrs. Ramsey & Beaver while they are in town. They will be pleased to show everybody how the cutter works whether she buys or not. Office at Burbridge House, Room 12.

When you come to Court next week drop in and renew your subscription to the SOUTH KENTUCKIAN and bring in a friend also to subscribe.

HERE AND THERE.

"Thirty days hath September, April, June and November; All the rest have thirty-one, Excepting February alone; To this we twenty-eight assign Till leap-year gives it twenty-nine."

W. F. Patton, Life Insurance.

Howe's is the standard city time.

Campbell and Rodgers, Ins. Agts.

Something new at Radford's.

Wednesday was the beginning of Lent.

The Spring term of Circuit Court will begin Monday.

Business has been quite lively around the depot this week.

Tobacco moved freely Wednesday, advancing from 50 cts. to \$1.00.

Go to Pike's for fresh oysters, fine cigars, pool and billiards. Open day and night.

Look out for our next issue. We've something good to tell you all through these columns.

Come to this office and get paper sacks to put up your hams in. They are insect-proof.

The farmers of Fairview are getting up a tobacco fair again this year to be held in April.

To-day is the 19th birthday of a well known citizen of this county who has great grand-children.

J. A. B. Johnson's new advertisement appears in this issue. Read it. He says it's copyrighted.

John Orr & Co. have an article in this issue headed "Something New," which everybody should be interested in.

Freight trains passing here daily in both directions for the past week, have landed car after car filled with goods for our merchants.

It may be of interest to our subscribers in the Gulf States to know that three inches of snow fell here on the 27th and 28th insts.

M. Frankel & Sons have just received a nice line of the best Indigo Blue Calico, which they are selling at 8 1/2 c. per yard.

"The Old Reliable" has just received two car-loads of elegant Trunks and Valises, which they are selling exceedingly low. Call and take a look at them.

M. Frankel & Sons are always ahead. They are receiving new spring goods daily, and in a short time their stock will be complete. They defy competition in prices.

Rev. Dr. T. G. Keen will preach his farewell sermon as pastor of the Baptist church next Sunday night. He has filled the pulpit of the church for twenty-four years.

The gold medal given by Company D. for the best drilled soldier was awarded last Tuesday night to Orderly Sergeant Trice. James F. Garity was the next best drilled soldier.

Some miscreant amused himself one night this week by taking gates from their hinges, tearing down fences and setting lay-stacks on fire over on Princeton street, in the western suburbs.

A well-written account of the Washington's Birthday exercises in the Public Schools, from the facile pen of a charming young lady, appears elsewhere at the special request of the editor, who was unable to be present.

We have notified all of our March subscribers when their papers are out. Some have already renewed and we trust every one of them will bring or send us \$2.00 to pay for the South Kentuckian for this year.

For the time the greatest attraction on Main street is the handsome piece of mechanism in the window of M. D. Kelly's Jewelry House. It will commence to move next Monday at 10 o'clock and will continue till the end of time.

Messrs. Jno. W. Breathitt, Jr., and Jno. T. Henderson will open up a first-class grocery next Monday at Fry's old stand, on Nashville street. The firm name will be Breathitt & Henderson. They are industrious and straight-forward young gentlemen and will deserve a good patronage.

Mr. Jos. M. Frankel received from Cincinnati this week two elegant life-size portraits of his parents, in elaborately carved bronze frames, something entirely new. The pictures were very costly crayon drawings and were sent to him as a birthday gift, Monday being the 24th anniversary of his birthday.

Messrs. McKee & Pool, have now one of the best grocery houses in Hopkinsville, which is literally packed with everything usually kept in a house of this kind. For the past two weeks they have been busy remodeling, cleaning and making room for their Spring goods, which by this time are somewhere on the iron track.

The long-talked-of Seed Show came off at Clarksville on the 26th inst. and it was a grand affair. The court-house was filled with ladies and gentlemen from Montgomery and adjoining counties to listen to appropriate addresses from several distinguished speakers. A large number of visitors from Kentucky were present. It was a big day for Clarksville.

Tom Calvin, aged 18 years, was accidentally killed by Charles Drake, aged 17 years, in the Mt. Vernon district a few days ago, while the latter was fooling with a pistol. Drake gave himself up and was tried before the magistrates of the district and either acquitted or released on a small bail. We have not been able to get a reliable account of the affair, but it will probably be investigated by the coming grand jury.

TOBACCO SALES.

Sales by Abernathy & Co., Feb. 27, of 35 Hhds. as follows:

20 Hhds. medium leaf from \$3 20 to 7 50.

15 Hhds. low leaf and lugs from \$7 50 to 6 50.

We had but few Hhds. to drop under \$7 00. Good lugs and leaf very closely approximating each other in price. In our opinion the market shows an advance of 50 cents per hundred pounds, on lugs and common grades.

Sales by Hancock & Fraser of 75 Hhds., of tobacco as follows:

37 Hhds. common and good lugs \$6 00 to 7 55.

38 Hhds. common and good leaf \$7 25 to 11 25.

Our market decidedly better on all grades this week.

Sales by Buckner & Woodriddle, Feb. 27th, 1884, of 50 Hhds. tobacco, as follows:

4 Hhds. good leaf \$11 75 to 10 00.

10 Hhds. medium leaf, \$9 65 to 8 00.

15 " common and low leaf, \$7 90 to 7 50.

9 Hhds. good lugs, \$8 50 to 7 00.

12 Hhds. trashy and common lugs \$6 95 to 6 40.

Market rules strong and higher for lugs and common leaf. The break was generally poor and common and some tobacco wet and high eased.

Sales by Gant & Gaither of 75 Hhds. 24 Hhds. good and fine leaf, \$12 00 to 8 00.

23 Hhds. common and medium leaf 7 90 to 7 20.

23 Hhds. common and good lugs 7 40 to 6 33.

Market firm and full 1/4 higher on all grades. We sold to-day 5 Hhds. put up by Messrs Wiley & Phelps at an average of 11 40.

Nelson & Jessup sold this week 32 Hhds. of Tobacco as follows:

17 Hhds. leaf \$8 80 to 7 50.

15 " lugs \$7 35 to 6 00.

Market higher on all grades.

Sales of 50 Hhds. Tobacco Feb. 27

27 Hhds. common to good leaf 10 00 to 7 85.

23 Hhds. common to good lugs 7 40 to 6 10.

Wheeler, Mills & Co.

HOPKINSVILLE

And Its Great Future.

A KENTUCKIAN reporter during one of his semi-weekly strolls over the city was almost electrified over the vast improvements going on by the never-to-beout-done citizens of the place in the way of re-building and a general overhauling of private and business buildings, the like of which was never known in the history of the town. After the great fire of October, 1882, and the numerous fires since that time, the people with a strong determination have, "Phoenix" like, risen from the ashes and are determined that Hopkinsville shall rank second to none in Southern Kentucky, and we might say the whole State. The merchants are aware of the fact that she controls one of the finest tobacco growing counties in the State, and with her other great facilities there is no reason why she should not prosper. The reporter noticed all of the improvements going on with a degree of pleasure and was satisfied after a talk with the numerous merchants that the outlook for business during the coming Spring and Summer was better than ever before. Even the farmers look more cheerful. The merchants are laying in great "stocks" of goods, while the farmers are doing likewise, which in itself is a good omen of thrift and grand enterprise for Hopkinsville and Christian county.

Reader have you ever thought how much reading matter a subscriber of the SOUTH KENTUCKIAN gets in a year for \$2.00. Read these figures and you will be astounded: 28 columns twice a week make 56 columns a week and 2912 columns in 52 weeks. The columns are 24 inches in length, and multiplying by 2 we have 5824 feet of reading matter a column wide which is furnished to our patrons in a year for only \$2.00. This would make a column of news one mile, 181 yards and one foot in length. Those who are fond of statistics can take the data given and figure out other results equally surprising.

Andrew Cox, an old citizen of Rockcastle county, was killed by a train at Pine Hill. He was knocked off a trestle.

SPECIAL LOCALS.

SOMETHING NEW.

The Magic Inside Window Blinds. John Orr & Co. have lately purchased the sole right for the manufacture and sale of A. H. Hill's patent improved inside window blinds in Christian and adjoining counties, Kentucky, and Robertson, Sumner and Davidson counties, Tennessee. These blinds have several advantages over the old style folding blinds; they are made in two, three or more sections, according to the height of windows; the lower section is made with rolling slats, the upper sections of stationary slats, and these have advantages. They do not interfere with curtains or plants. They do not sag as they are not hung on hinges. The light or air can be admitted from any part of the window. To shade from the sun, they can be placed at any part of the window. They do not rattle, and are easy to remove for cleaning. They will remain at any height desired. They do not cost as much as folding blinds and are much more desirable for either private dwellings or public buildings. A sample of these blinds can be seen at their mill, and to those contemplating building, and to contractors, architects and carpenters, we commend an examination of these blinds before completing your contract. Remember John Orr & Co. are the sole manufacturers and agents for the above named sections and territory. Go and see them.

A New Firm.

Almost daily we note the changes of prosperity and enterprise of our city by mentioning and welcoming new firms in our midst. This time, with a degree of pleasure we call the attention of the people of Hopkinsville and county to the new tailoring establishment of W. L. Thompson & Co., who have opened on Russellville street, temporarily, with a large stock of foreign and domestic cloths and cashmeres, for spring and summer. These gentlemen are perfect masters of their profession, and if you would look neat and tidy call on them, leave your measure, and a perfect fit will be guaranteed. In a few days they will be located permanently in the Henry Block, on Main street, which is now being repaired for their reception. This firm comprises the names of W. L. Thompson, C. W. Bell and N. Tobin, who are well known throughout this section of the country.

The celebrated Avery Plows are handled by McCamy, Bonte & Co.

Cleanliness is akin to godliness, and to accomplish this, disrobe yourself of your present paraphernalia and don one of those elegant, cheap well fitting suits at John T. Wright & Co's.

The Asylum investigating committee have arrived, and are at work. They pronounce the necessities of life handled by M. O. Smith & Co's. Grocery just the thing for all.

Young man, old man, if you would look neat and tidy, step in and see those handsome ready made suits at Jno. T. Wright & Co's.

Nothing but first class farming implements at the agricultural house of McCamy, Bonte & Co.

John T. Wright & Co. can fit you out from head to foot with the best, cheapest and neatest wearing apparel in the city.

The Avery and Meikle Plows, sold by McCamy, Bonte & Co., are not only the best, but the cheapest.

Never-know-when-to-quit-buying John-Wright has not gone east yet, but has received one small lot, a mere "drop in the bucket" of some of the finest Spring and Summer suits ready made over, put upon the shelves of a store in Hopkinsville.

M. O. Smith & Co., located on Court and Main streets, is "the" place to buy cheap and fresh groceries.

Farmers, when you want a good article of Farming Implements, go to McCamy, Bonte & Co.

Neat, nobby, elegant; (regular daisies) Spring and Summer goods at Jno. T. Wright & Co's.

Have you tried U. K. U? M. O. Smith & Co., keep them.

Never mind the weather, but call on McCamy, Bonte & Co., for your Farming Implements. You'll need them, and they have the best the market affords.

Teas, Coffees, Sugars, Molasses, Bacon and the best of Flour, almost given away at M. C. Smith & Co's.

The Belles of our town admire the beaux when dressed in one of those elegant suits sold by Jno. T. Wright & Co's.

A fine lot of Queens-ware at M. O. Smith & Co's.

No goods to order can compare with those just received by the enterprising firm of Jno. T. Wright & Co.

HOWE'S PALACE JEWELRY STORE!

For the Largest and Best Stock of

Watches, Jewelry, Silverware,

CLOCKS, DIAMONDS & FANCY GOODS,

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Old Reliable Jewelry House of James M. Howe!

This house was established in Hopkinsville over 20 years ago, and has built up an immense trade by fair and honest dealing with its patrons. Anything bought from it can be relied upon as being just as represented. The only house in town selling the

Genuine "King's Combination Spectacles." In genuine Pebbles and Crystal lenses. They are conceded to be the finest glasses in the world for weak and failing sight. We have bought, at a big expense, the exclusive right to use the

Celebrated "JOHNSTON OPTIMETER." For testing the eye and accurately fitting Spectacles. We test your eyes free of charge. We have the exclusive agency for the sale of the

Celebrated Rockford Quick Train Watch,

Which is the finest in the world for the money. We give our personal attention to all repairs. We make a specialty of repairing fine and complicated watches, such as ordinary watch-makers cannot repair. We have in our employ the finest and most skillful workman and the largest collection of fine tools of any house in the country. Our prices are lower than any other first-class house in this part of the State. We warrant all our work.



Burbridge Bros. have a large stock of Early Rose Potatoes for seed cheaper than you can get them any where.

John T. Wright can fit you perfectly from a 250 pounder to a child 4 years old.

FARMERS

Go to W. F. Randle and get the best Plows, Grain Drills, Reapers, Mowers, Hay Rakes that the market affords. Also the best of Groceries cheap as any body will sell. Hames, Traces, Horse Collars, Back Bands and many other things at bottom prices.

Seven and a-half pounds good coffee for a dollar, and 13 pounds good New Orleans sugar for a dollar at M. W. Grissam's

Fathers, mothers, sons and daughters, Jno. T. Wright & Co. invite each and every one of you to an examination of their handsome Spring stock of Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Gents furnishing goods and the latest style of ready made clothing.

Russett Potatoes at Burbridge Bros'.

Don't fail to call on J. M. Hipkins the old livery man. Old Main Street warehouse.

FOR RENT.

A new frame cottage on Jesup avenue, containing 5 large rooms, with tin roof, in splendid condition, to a good tenant cheap. Apply at the store of Johnson & Rea on Nashville street.

We can and do give more Sugar and Coffee for One Dollar than the man who made it. Burbridge Bros.

No use talking, boys J. M. Tandy not only takes the "cake" but the whole bakery, in serving you with the best Wines, Liquors, Cigars and Tobacco, and an elegant lunch day and night. Phoenix Hotel is the location of this little gem.

While you are attending court don't fail to call on W. R. Long. He has everything kept by a first-class grocery house, and his dispensary is stocked with the best of wines, liquors, cigars and tobacco.

Go with the crowd and buy your Groceries from M. W. Grissam, as his is clearly the cheapest house in town.

McCamy, Bonte & Co. make a specialty of Reapers, Mowers, Binders, Threshing Machinery, Engines, Saw Mills, and in fact everything that will till your soils correctly, with light labor, and bring to you a golden harvest.

To save time, money and labor go to Wright's to get a "nobby" suit of clothes.

The Crash

In Groceries is at M. O. Smith & Co's. corner Court and Main streets.

M. W. Grissam pays more for butter and eggs than any man in town.

House-keepers, or those contemplating fitting up in that direction, would consult their own interests by examining those elegant suits of furniture now on hand and for sale by A. W. PYLE.

A. Roberts,

The broom man, has just fitted up his factory with the best and latest improved machinery, and is now prepared to furnish the trade with brooms of all kinds. Without a good broom we would be buried alive in dirt, and to relieve yourself of this sad fate you should buy your brooms of A. Roberts. His prices are reasonable, his goods A No. 1, and merchants should make a note of this.

For Rent.

Two elegant office rooms over M. D. Kelly's Jewelry store. Apply to M. D. Kelly.

Merchants should bear in mind that H. C. Ballard, agent for the standard oil, solicits your patronage at his new quarters in Cross, Ducker & Dryer's building on Virginia street.

We mean what we say when we say we will not be undersold by any House in the city, give us a call and be convinced.

Burbridge Bros.

GOBBLEERS FOR SALE.

I have for sale a number of very fine Bronze turkey gobblers. Mrs. C. F. JARRETT, Hopkinsville, Ky.

Feb. 19-3w. All kinds of Canned Goods cheap at Burbridge Bros'.

One car-load of Oats just received at J. H. Winfree & Co's.

The best pumps ever offered in this place are for sale at Metcalfe, Graham & Co's

List of Lucky No's. in Wilson & Galbreath's Distribution.

1 Meerschaum set, 803, Sam Hawkins.
1 Meerschaum Cigarette Holder 1865 not called for.
1 Toilet set 710 not called for.
1 Pair Vases 444 J. E. Frantz.
1 Box Key West Cigars, 493, Moses Kaufman.
1 Flute 1569 J. A. Kinkead.
1 Barrel Apples 2000 Mrs. L. H. McKee.
1 Waterbury Watch 1347 B. Rosenbaum.
1 Alarm Clock 1407 not called for.
1 Case Tomatoes 1977 " "
The drawing was conducted by C. M. Mencham and Masters Robert Buckner and Major Woodriddle drew out the tickets and acted as commissioners. We are now giving tickets for our second drawing. Twenty-one prizes will be given. Try your luck.

LOST.

On the 13th of February, a white pointer bitch with black head and ears, and one or two black spots on back, a little under size, stout and well built, tall rather thick, with a little cut off the end. I will pay \$5.00 for her return.

BEN THOMPSON.

A car-load of Clover Seed at J. H. Winfree & Co's.

The finest line of fine Cigars ever brought to Hopkinsville at Burbridge Bros'.

H. C. Ballard has now a large stock of standard oil which he is offering as cheap as the common oil from other markets, on Virginia Street, in Cross, Ducker & Dryers building.

BEST OF ALL!

The New American

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LEADS THE WORLD.

The New American is always in order, and you cannot fail to be pleased with it. For sale by

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And can be seen at their store, Main St., HOPKINSVILLE, KY. (Nov. 23, '83-1y)

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Mr. Geo. W. Smith, who a few weeks ago moved and opened a livery, feed and sale stable on Bridge street, nearly opposite the postoffice, is now in full sail, having renovated the old building throughout by the assistance of the painter and carpenter until it now presents a very handsome appearance and stands in the front rank with our larger livery stables, and he wishes to inform his many friends throughout Christian county through the South Kentuckian that such is a fact, and that he will feed and care for your stock as good if not better and furnish you with as good livery as can be had in the city at reasonable prices. He is not content in feeding your animals and his stable and stalls are comfortable. Farmers, when you come to town put up with G. W. Smith. Particular attention and inducements given to traveling men. These are facts, but don't take our word for it, but go and see for yourselves, and 10 cents to a ginger cake you will be entirely satisfied. Feb. 22 1m.

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Respectfully invite the public to their
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Up stairs in Henry Block,
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All grades of Collins furnished
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I have for sale a very desirable
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W. W. TWYMAN,
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COPIED COMMENTS.

ROTATION THE RULE.

This seems to have been an off year
for re-election in Kentucky politics.

Speaker Owens, Mrs. Cook, Senator
Williams and Printer Major have all
felt the keen edge of the desire for a
change.—Louisville Post.

HIGH AND DRY.

Whilst they profoundly sym-
pathize with the people of our neigh-
boring cities who have been driven
from their homes by the flood, the
people of Owensboro have cause to
congratulate themselves upon the re-
flection that not a single house in
Owensboro has been disturbed by the
water.—Messenger.

YOU MAY BET THAT IT WILL NOT PASS.

There is a bill before the Legisla-
ture which if passed will be hard on
the gamblers. It provides that all
persons found guilty of gambling
shall be guilty of felony and upon
conviction incarcerated in the peni-
tentiary for from one to three years.

Should the bill become a law we feel
sorry for a number of the distin-
guished members of the Legislature.
—Bowling Green Times.

PRECEPT WITHOUT EXAMPLE.

Mr. Munday is a bachelor. He is
also a member of the Kentucky Leg-
islature. He says he is in favor of
enlarging the sphere of woman and
giving her all the offices she can pro-
perly fill. This kind of talk doesn't
amount to much when coupled with
the fact that Mr. Munday has failed
to discharge the highest duty to
woman.—Commonwealth.

WILL CLIP COUPONS AWILE.

Harrison, the Indiana preacher,
is engaged to be married to a
young lady who is immensely wealth-
y. The retirement of Mr. Harrison
from the pulpit, with throat
trouble—as is usually the case when a
preacher marries a fortune—is to be
seriously regretted.—Lon. Post.

TOO GREEN TO BURN.

Our town has been filled with the
festive drummer. A representative
of a Louisville house told this joke on
the Nashville "tourists": He said
that he dreamed of going to perdition
one night, and being observant, he
soon discovered that there were no
drummers from Nashville writhing
in the flames. He asked Satan the
cause; whereupon the devil carried
him to a long room where the carcasses
of a great many men were sus-
pended on wires fastened to the ceil-
ing. And then he said, pointing to-
wards those unfortunates who were
in his clutches: They are Nashville
drummers. I have to keep them for
years here in my drying room, as they
are so green they will not burn!—
Cor. Nashville World.

HOW THEY WERE LOST.

About a year ago a negro team-
ster sat on a head of a whisky
barrel and carried off the government
stamp on the bosom of his pantaloons.

A short time afterwards a lusty billy
goat, desiring to digest the subject of
internal revenue, ate the stamp off an-
other barrel. The other day a swine,
which had evidently grown angry over
the export duty on American pork,
scratched himself on a barrel
to ease his pain and carried off another
on his ham, and had to be shaved
to recover the stamp. The voucher
to revenue the department for the first
was endorsed, "Lost in the drawers
of the Freedman's Bureau;" the second,
"Devooured by a billy goat;" and
but for the shaving process we suppose
the last would have been, "Lost
by porker."—Owensboro Messenger.

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EXCHANGE SCINTILLATIONS.

Young ladies should not forget that
Goliath died from the effect of a bang
on the forehead.—Elizabethtown
News.

John Barker married Annie Wor-
cester. John's object must have been
to spice life with Worcester sauce.—
State Journal.

"What is fame?" Reckon it must
be that the letters in it are initials of
the four words, "Finally all men end."
—State Journal.

Marriageable girls may be interest-
ed in the information that a factory
at Bay City, Mich., turns out 2400
washboards daily.—Mayfield Moni-
tor.

It is the energetic, pushing man
who succeeds in this world. Young
man, if you can't find anything else
to push, push a baby coach.—Eliza-
bethtown News.

"Wake up, husband, the day is
breaking," said the fond wife. "Let
it break, it don't owe me a cent,"
growls the heavy sleeper.—Southern
Trade Gazette.

Why is your paper money more
valuable than gold? When you put
it in your pocket you double it, and
when you take it out you find it still
in creases.—Southern Trade Gazette.

Where is that fellow who said a
few months ago that he had discov-
ered Noah's ark? If he meant what
he said let him steer around this way,
and let him be quick about it.—Win-
chester Sun.

There are two things which every
thoughtful person believes should
properly be done—the Kentucky river
and the miscreant who crosses his
long legs in a street-car on a muddy
day.—Commercial.

"Nothing will wreck a woman's
happiness quicker than opium eating,
except onion eating," says an unmar-
ried paragrapher. It is not the wom-
an's happiness which onion eating
wrecks.—Mayfield Monitor.

Kentucky justice is terrible as a
two-edged sword, and it is swift as a
four-mile race. Two young men caught
climbing into a lady's room were
promptly expelled from the Cynthia-
ana Dancing Club.—State Journal.

Kentucky editors are getting in
their work now against cold water
and in favor of bourbon. When a
temperance orator points to the peni-
tentiary, the penitentiary, they point
to the Ohio river bottoms.—Evan-
sville Courier.

It seems odd that any one should
question the appropriateness of se-
lecting Louisville as the place for the
meeting of the National Democratic
Convention. We have twelve hun-
dred saloons located as conveniently
as can possibly be desired.—Post.

A Cincinnati woman has given her
seal-skin sash to be sold for the
benefit of flood-sufferers. If she didn't
do that for the purpose of having her
husband to buy her a new one, it is
an instance of sacrifice unparalleled in
the history of the world.—State Jour-
nal.

Miss Winnie Hall, of Temple, Tex-
as, is the oldest old maid in America,
having just reached the age of 100
years. The bachelors in that town
feel happy because she says she will
not take advantage of the leap year
privilege of her sex.—Mayfield
Monitor.

Henry Stump and Emma Duck-
worth, of this county, were married
in Covington, Emma was no doubt a
Duckworth a good deal of money, but
she was transformed to a position
where she can make Stump speeches
at Henry.—State Journal.

Mr. Rutherford B. Hayes is reported
by an interviewer to have used,
the other day, the expression, "When
I was elected President." This is
probably Mr. Hayes' mild way of re-
ferring to that mythical time when
the lower regions "froze over."—Cour-
ier Journal.

The czar of Russia gets a salary of
\$3,250,000 per year. This is over
\$1,350 per day, \$226 an hour counting
ten hours per day, nearly \$38 per
minute. If we American people had
to pay such a salary we, too, would
toss him off with a bomb.—Madi-
sonville Gleaner.

"I don't care for any desert-to-day,"
said a boarder at the table, addressing
the landlady. "Don't say desert Mr.
Quibley. Please speak properly at
my table, and say desert." "Excuse
me," replied Mr. Quibley. "I said
desert because I found so much sand
in it yesterday."—Elizabethtown
News.

Frank Leslie's Sunday Magazine.

The March number is promptly on
our table and is filled as usual, with
delightful reading matter—edifying
and entertaining, and admirable en-
bellishments. The popular editor, T.
DeWitt Talmage, D. D., contributes
a characteristic article, "Alarming
Things of To-Day," and The Home
Pulpit contains one of his sermons,
"Sensitiveness of Christ." "Count
Zinzendorf," the founder of the Mo-
ravian Church; "Salom, the Old Mo-
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Origin of Familiar Sayings.

If other persons share the curiosity
I have had as to the origin of many
familiar old sayings, they may like
to have here the explanation of some
such, which I found recently in an
English book. The majority of these
proverbial sayings are, I suppose, of
old date, and come down to us from
our English or Dutch forefathers.

Here is the origin of the expression
"tick," for credit, which I have al-
ways taken to be quite modern slang.

It seems, on the contrary, that it is
as old as the 17th century, and is cor-
rupted from ticket, as a tradesman's
bill was then commonly called. On
tick was on ticket.

"Humble pie" refers to the days
when the English forests were stock-
ed with deer, and venison pastry was
commonly seen on the tables of the
wealthy. The inferior and refuse
portions of the deer, termed the "hum-
bles," were generally appropriated to
the poor, who made them into a pie;
hence "humble pie" became suggestive
of poverty, and afterward was applied
to degradations of other kinds.

"A wild goose chase" was a sort of
racing, resembling the flying of wild
geese, in which, after one horse had
gotten the lead, the other was ob-
liged to follow after. As the sec-
ond horse generally exhausted him-
self in vain efforts to overtake the
first, this mode of racing was finally
discontinued.

The expression "a feather in his
cap" did not signify merely the right
to decorate one's self with some to-
ken of success, but referred to an an-
cient custom among the people of
Hungary, of which mention is made
in the Lansdowne manuscripts in the
British museum. None but he who
had killed a Turk was permitted to
adorn himself in this fashion, or to
"show the number of his slain ene-
mys by the number of feathers in his
cap." It occurs to me to question
whether the similar phrase, to "plume
himself," has not its source in the
same tradition.

A "baker's dozen" was originally
the devil's dozen, 13 being the num-
ber of witches supposed to sit down
together at their great meetings or
sabbaths; hence the superstition
about sitting 13 at table. The baker
was an unpopular character and be-
came substitute for the devil.

The explanation of the proverbial
saying about "Hobson's choice" is
given by Steele in the Spectator, No.
509. Hobson kept a livery-stable, his
stalls being ranged one behind an-
other, counting from the door. Each
customer was obliged to take the
horse which happened to be in the
stall nearest the door, this chance
fashion of serving being thought to
secure perfect impartiality.—Atlantic
Monthly.

INFANT FOOD.

There are about twenty European
preparations styled infant foods, be-
ginning with that of Nestle, and at least
twice as many American, all of which
profess to furnish a complete nutrition
for the infant during the first few months
of its existence, while yet the conversion
of starch into dextrine and sugar is be-
yond the capacity of the untrained di-
gestive function. The examination of
these with a microscope, assisted by such
simple tests as iodine, which turns
starch cells blue, and gluten (or album-
inous) granules yellow, has engaged the
careful attention of Dr. Ephraim Cutter,
of Cambridge, and his results will stat-
tle most mothers who have relied upon
the extravagant pretenses set forth in
the circulars of manufacturers. Eliza
McDonough, who preceded Dr. Cutter
in this field, has been in a measure dis-
credited; but it appears that her asser-
tion—that the starch, so far from being
transformed into dextrine, was not suffi-
ciently altered to render the recognition
of its source difficult, whether from
wheat, rye, corn or barley—was strictly
true, and that these pretensions foods
are, without exception, nearly valueless
for dietetic purposes. All of them con-
sist of baked flour mainly, either alone
or mixed with sugar, milk or salts. In
some cases the baking has been very in-
adequately performed, and the doctor
found one that consisted merely of wheat
and oats whose starch cells were prox-
imately in their natural condition. The
general result of Dr. Cutter's examina-
tion may be stated in brief terms as fol-
lows: There was scarcely a single one
of the so-called infant foods that con-
tained a quantity of gluten as large as
that contained in ordinary wheat flour.
That is to say, a well-compounded wheat
gruel is superior to any of them, particu-
larly when boiled with a little milk;
and mothers are in error who place the
slightest dependence upon them. As
respects every expensive article, pro-
cessing to possess 270 parts in every
1,000 of phosphatic salts in connection
with gluten, Dr. Cutter was unable to
find any gluten at all. The thing was
nearly pure starch sold at an exorbitant
price as a nerve and brain food, and a
great remedy for rickets. So all through
the list. Sometimes a trace of gluten
was present; more frequently none at
all. In one case there were ninety parts
of starch to ten of gluten; but this was
exceptional, and the majority were less
valuable, ounce for ounce, than ordinary
wheat flour. Considering the semi-phi-
anthropic pretensions which have been
put forth by the manufacturers of these
foods, some of them sustained by the
certificates of eminent physicians, the
report of Dr. Cutter is one of the dread-
est comments upon human nature that
has recently fallen under the notice of
the journalist. But if the revelations he
has made of fraud and pretense on the
part of manufacturers in this field shall
serve to protect mothers from further
betrayal, and to rescue infant life from
quack articles of nutriment, his work,
though giving a tremendous shock to
our sensibilities, and to our faith in med-
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